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ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

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Introduced by Pirsch, 4

WHEREAS, former State Senator Thomas S. Fitzgerald was born February 29, 1920, in Omaha. Upon graduation from Omaha South High School, Senator Fitzgerald worked in the Omaha Stockyards and, after Pearl Harbor, enlisted in the Army and served in the 10th Mountain Division as a ski trooper. He was awarded the Purple Heart in 1944; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fitzgerald married Lorraine Fitzgerald on September 25, 1948, and they had three children: Linda, Thomas III, and Gayle; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fitzgerald was elected to the Legislature on November 5, 1974, reelected in 1978, and served until 1981. He was also a member of many charitable organizations, including the American Legion Post 1, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, North Omaha Optimists Club, and Arts and Humanities Council of Florence; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fitzgerald will be remembered for his tireless work in establishing the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans Home in Omaha in 1981, a truly remarkable legacy to aid America's veterans; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Fitzgerald died on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at his home in Omaha, at the age of 87.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature extends its condolences to the family of Thomas S. Fitzgerald.